Harmony Baptist Association
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Lacking 1850-51; 1853-55, 1858-66, 1873, 1876, 1878, 1881, 1883-85, 1895, 1898, 1918.
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PROCEEDINGS.

LEAKE COUNTY MISSISSIPPI, }
SEPTEMBER 25th, 1852. }

According to adjournment, the delegates comprising the Harmony Baptist Association met this day, in their third annual session, with the Church at Jerusalem, in Scott county, at an encampment prepared by the brethren and friends near the church, in Leake county.

The Introductory Sermon was delivered at 11 o'clock, A. M., by Elder J. S. Antley, from Isa. xxxiii ch., 16 verse.

After an intermission of about an hour and a half, the delegates assembled at a place near the encampment,—where seats had been prepared for them,—when the Association was called to order and business introduced by singing, and prayer offered by the Moderator.

The communications from the churches were then read by Brethren J. S. Antley, and J. M. Chambers, and their statistics minuted. *See table of Churches.*

The Association then proceeded to the election of officers for the ensuing year, which resulted in the election of Elder Wm. Denson as Moderator, Wm W. Eley as Treasurer, and Thomas K. Green as Clerk.

The rules of order were then read; and visiting brethren invited to seats with us.

Petitionary letters—for admission into this Association—were then received and read from the churches at Rehoboth and Pelahatchee in Rankin county, at Thomastown in Leake county, and at Samaria* in Attala county, which, on examination, being found to be orthodox in faith, were received according to our rules.

Brethren J. Merchant, S. J. Denson, Wm. J. Denson, J. S. Tucker, and J. F. Johnson, were appointed a committee to arrange preaching.

Received correspondence as follows:

From Mount Pisgah Association—A letter and bundle of minutes by the hands of her Messengers, Elders J. M. Chambers, and R. T. Gatewood.

From Louisville Association—A bundle of minutes by the hands of her Messengers, Elders R. Crenshaw, and W. W. Nash.

No communication received from the Baptist State Convention, or Central Association; therefore, agreed to drop correspondence for the present.

The following committees were then appointed:

On Finance—E. M. Hammond, Chairman, R. S. Taylor, and Green Allen.

On the State of Religion—J. S. Antley, Chairman, W. R. Butler, and H. Hill.

* Samaria not having obtained a letter of dismission from Louisville Association, was received *conditionally*.

On Petitions and Requests—I. R. Bass, Chairman, W. B. Smith, and J. L. Hines.

To nominate persons to preach the regular Sermons at the next Session.—J. J. S. Miles, Chairman, J. Nash, W. J. Denson, W. B. Smith, and J. Rushin.

On Examination of documents.—J. L. Hines, Chairman, W. F. Johnson, and Wm. Buckner.

To write Letters.—W. R. Butler, Chairman, W. J. Denson, W. W. Nichols, and J. Nash.

Arranged correspondence as follows:

To Mount Pisgah Association.—Elders W. S. Rushin, J. Merchant, and J. Rushin, messengers.

To Louisville Association.—Elders H. Hill, Wm. Denson, and A. Goss, Messengers.

Agreed to offer correspondence with the Choctaw Association, and Elders H. Hill, and J. Rushin, appointed Messengers.

The Committee to arrange preaching reported, that Elders W. W. Nash, and J. J. S. Miles, would preach to-night, and Elder J. L. Hines to-morrow morning, 9 o'clock.

The Association then adjourned until Monday morning 9 o'clock. Prayer by Bro. Antley.

SABBATH EXERCISES.

Prayer meeting at 8 o'clock in the morning: 9 o'clock sermon by Elder J. M. Chambers, in place of Bro. Hines, who was sick: 11 o'clock, Missionary sermon by Elder H. Hill, after which a collection, amounting to $44 10, was taken: 3 o'clock P. M., Elder J. Rushin, on the Purposes of God. At night, sermon by Elder ———

MONDAY MORNING, 9 o'clock.

The Association met pursuant to adjournment. Business was introduced by singing, and prayer offered by Elder Isaac Merchant.

The roll of delegates was then called and absentees marked.

Brethren J. Rushin, A. R. Robins, and J. S. Tucker appointed a committee to nominate a Board of Managers for the ensuing year.

On motion and second, reports from committees were called for; and the committees not being ready to report, the Association took a recess of one hour—after which business was resumed.

Bro. J. S. Tucker excused on account of a sick family.

The committee to examine documents made the following report, which was received and agreed to, viz:

The committee to examine documents, beg leave to report, that a letter and minutes of 1851, from Mount Pisgah and minutes of 1850, from Louisville Associations, are the only documents placed in their hands, from which it appears that in Mount Pisgah 141 baptisms have taken place, and 3 new churches added to their Union. In Louisville 191 baptisms have taken place, and 3 churches added to their Union. Your committee find nothing further necessary to report.

Respectfully submitted, J. L. HINES, *Ch'n.*

The committee on the state of religion presented the following brief abstract from the letters from the churches, viz:

Benevolence.—This church complains of coldness and barrenness; she asks the prayers of the Association.

Bethesda.—Deplores their coldness and barrenness; she also begs the prayers of the Association.

Bethlehem.—No representation.

Doak's Creek.—They seem to deplore their lukewarmness and little increase of members.

Fellowship.—Nothing of interest to communicate, as nothing special has transpired during the year.

Good Hope.—Seems to be in a high state of prosperity; enjoys lively means of Grace.

Harmony.—In peace one with another, but no ingathering.

Judsons.—No particular revival, but in peace and quiet.

Jerusalem.—Complains of coldness and barrenness; desires the prayers of the Association.

Liberty.—In peace, but no particular revival during the year.

Mount Sinai.—In a prosperous and healthy state, has enjoyed a precious revival of religion.

Mount Pisgah.—In peace and prosperity.

Mill Creek.—This church has been favored with a special revival and ingathering of souls.

New Hope.—Communicates nothing of interest, but complains of coldness.

Providence, Leake.—This church is in a prosperous and growing condition.

Providence, Attala.—This church is in peace and good standing.

Pleasant Hill.—Complains of coldness; asks the prayers of the Association.

Pensacola.—Is in peace, and has experienced a general growth.

Mount Zion.—This church appears to be in a growing condition.

Mount Carmel.—This church is in a prosperous condition.

Rehoboth.—This is a new church and promises growth and prosperity.

Pelahatchee.—This is also a new interest, and bids fair for usefulness.

Samaria.—This church is in peace and harmony, but no special religious interest manifested.

Thomastown.—This is a new church with brightning prospects before it.

Respectfully submitted,

J. S. ANTLEY, *Ch'n.*

The committee to nominate a Board of Managers for the next year, reported the names of the former board—with Robert Edward in place of P. F. Morehead, who had moved out of our territory,—which was received and agreed to.

The committee to nominate persons to preach the regular sermons at the next session, reported, Elder I. R. Bass to preach the introductory, Elder J. J. S. Miles alternate; and recommend that the other

regular sermons be dispensed with for the present,—which was received and agreed to.

The committee on petitions and requests made the following report, which was received and agreed to, viz:

The committee on petitions and requests beg leave to report, that the only petitions that have come before them, are those of the churches at Good Hope, Thomastown, and Providence, Leake, for the next session of this body to be held with them, and the petition of a number of brethren from the different churches for it to be held at this place. Your committee recommend that the next session of this body be held at this place.

Respectfully submitted,
I. R. BASS, *Ch'n.*

The committee to write letters made a report, which was received and agreed to.

The committee on finance, made a report which was received and adopted. (*See Treasurer's Report.*)

The Association then took a recess of one hour and a half, for refreshments, after which business was again resumed, by singing, and prayer offered by Bro. Rushin.

Resolved, That this Association adopt the Hymn Book known as "The Baptist Psalmody," and that we recommend the churches within our Union, to adopt and use the same in their several churches.

The report from the General Agent and Treasurer of the Bible Depository was then called for, and they having none to make:

Resolved, That the management of the Bible Depository be transferred to the hands of the Board of Managers for the Association.

Brethren J. S. Antley, I. R. Bass, and Thomas K. Green were appointed a committee to revise the rules of order, and report at the next session of this body.

Resolved, That the corresponding messengers appointed at this session, receive $1 50 per day for their services.

The report of the Board of Managers was then called for, presented, read and adopted, and is as follows:

REPORT OF THE BOARD.

The Board in making their third annual report, would acknowledge with devout gratitude, to our heavenly Father, his goodness, which has preserved us to meet in another anniversary: to learn the state of our Zion: to devise ways and means for the advancement of the Redeemer's kingdom: and to strengthen each others hearts and hands in the salvation of our own and the souls of others.

Brethren J. S. Antley and H. Hill who were appointed missionaries at your last session, commenced their labors soon after your adjournment. Bro. Antley in the Southern and Bro. Hill in the Northern portion of your territory.

Bro. Antley commenced his labors at Moon's School House and at Mt. Carmel,—the points previously occupied by Bro. I. R. Bass and himself; and at the meeting of the Board in February, it was

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understood that a church would soon be organised at Moon's School house, and Bro. Bass called to the charge of it; under this view of the case, Bro. Antley was instructed to discontinue his labors at this point, and look out for other destitute places. He accordingly soon after commenced laboring at Norman's School house, between Mill Creek and Mt. Pisgah churches, at Cato's Springs, on the road leading from Jackson to Raleigh, and in the evening of the same day at a private house about 7 miles distant from the Springs. From Norman's School house he was forced—in consequence of the burning of the house—to move to a blacksmithshop, and afterwards for the convenience of water, to a spring near Bro. R. S. Taylor's, where he has organised a church with twenty-four members: they now number thirty-six. At the other points, he reports the congregations large and increasing, with encouraging prospects.

Bro. Antley has labored sixty-two days in your service, preached forty-four times, besides a number of lectures and visits for religious instruction, rode about 540 miles and baptised 23 persons.

Bro. Hill has been laboring with his accustomed zeal and energy in the Northern portion of your territory: he informs us that "although we have had no revivals of religion, yet we have the consolation to know that the truth has been preached in the regions of Lobutchee, &c.; his stations have been principally at Dillville, Mr. Adams', Shields', in the neighborhood of Hickory Grove, and at Hollinsworth's School house. In his last report, he states that "there has been an increase of hearers and some very encouraging prospects." He has spent sixty-eight days in your service, delivered thirty-eight sermons, besides a number of lectures and visits for religious instruction, rode about 675 miles and baptised one person.

Bro. J. L. Hines,—although not employed by the Board,—has made a very interesting report of his labors at a Protestant Methodist meeting house in the Northern portion of Madison county, called "Canaan." He has baptised five persons, received one other for baptism, spent twenty-five days, delivered twenty-two sermons, three exhortations, visited several families for religious instruction, and rode about 274 miles. The neighborhood seems to be fast coming under the influence of our denomination. Bro. Hines makes no charge for his services.

In conclusion, it may be proper to state, that we see a wide and inviting field before us, and from the past favor with which our missionary efforts have been attended, your Board would respectfully and affectionately urge the importance of redoubled energies to push this holy cause forward.

Respectfully submitted on behalf of the Board.

THOS. K. GREEN, *Sec'y.*

Resolved, That the Treasurer be authorized to tender to Bro. Hines, pay for his services rendered at Canaan, in Madison county.

Brethren J. S. Antley, H. Hill, and J. L. Hines were then appointed missionaries for the next year: the brethren being present, accepte the appointments.

The Union meetings were then arranged as follows: For the 1st District, at Mill Creek, Rankin county, on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in January next. For the 2d District, at Thomastown, Leake county, on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in May next. For the 3d District, at Harmony, Leake county, on Friday before the 5th Lord's day in July next. At which times and places, the Board of Managers will meet.

The church at Pensacola—by request—changed from the 3d to the 2d district.

Resolved, That the Clerk superintend the printing and distribution of a sufficient number of these minutes; draw on the Treasurer for the amount necessary to defray the expense, and that he receive $15 for his service.

Resolved, That the usual vote of thanks be presented to this church and congregation for their liberality in sustaining this Association.

Resolved, That this Association do now adjourn to meet at this place on Saturday before the 4th Lord's day in September, 1853.

The Brethren then united in singing the Hymn "Blest be the tie that binds," &c., extended to each other the hand of fellowship. The Moderator led in prayer, and the Association adjourned.

THOS. K. GREEN, *Clerk.* WM. DENSON, *Moderator.*

TREASURER'S REPORT.

1851 WM. W. ELEY, *Treasurer;*

In account with Harmony Association.

			Dr.
1851 Sept. 27,	To balance on hand this day,	-	$ 5 60
" "	" this amount received from finance committee,		299 33
1852. Aug. 29,	" " " "		6 50
Sept. 24,	" " " " at Pensacola church,	-	23 43
	" returned by Clerk, - -	-	
			$334 86

			Cr.
1851. Sept. 29,	By this amount paid H. Hill, missionary,		$105 00
" "	" " " " J. L. Hines, "		33 00
" 30	" " " forwarded to State Convention,		37 40
1852.	" paid Clerk to have minutes printed,		65 95
Feb. 25,	" " " " I. R. Bass' claim,	-	32 50
April 17,	" " " " J. Rushin, messenger,	-	18 00
Aug. 30,	" " " " H. Hill, missionary,	-	19 62
" "	" " " " J. S. Antley, "	-	15 00
	By cash on hand to balance,	-	8 39
			$334 86

WM. W. ELEY, *Treasurer.*

We have examined the foregoing account of the Treasurer and find it to be correct. We have also received during the present session of the Association:

For Association purposes by the churches, - - - - -	$187 90
Public collection on Lord's day, - - - - - -	44 10
From Individuals, - - - - - - - -	13 00
For Foreign Missions, - - - - - - -	6 10
" Indian " - - - - - - - -	4 85
" African " - - - - - - - -	5 05
" Bible Depository, - - - - - - -	6 75
" Ministerial Education Society, - - - -	85
Total, - -	$268 10

All of which is respectfully submitted.

E. M. HAMMOND, *Ch'n.*

A LIST OF MINISTERS BELONGING TO HARMONY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION, WITH THEIR POST-OFFICES.

ORDAINED.

Wm. Denson, Densontown.
I. R. Bass, Midway,
J. L. Hines, Camden,
W. R. Butler, do
J. S. Antley, Pelahatchee.
Wm. Byars, Sharon.
J. J. S. Miles, Carthage,
Isaac Merchant, do
A. Goss, do
J. Rushin, do
H. Hill, Kosciusko,

LICENTIATES.

R. Chambers, Hillsboro',
Isaac Lawrence, Densontown,
D. G. McLamore, Camden,
M. Rainwater, Carthage,
W. S. Rushin, do
L. Crosby, Boluctah.

BOARD OF MANAGERS.

Elder Wm. Denson, Densontown P. O., *Chairman*,
Thomas K. Green, Meridian Springs P. O., *Secretary*,
Wm. W. Eley, Pensacola P. O., *Treasurer*.

J. J. S. Miles, Carthage,
A. Goss, do
R. Edwards, Thomastown,
W. Partin, Ludlow,
J. Rushin, Carthage,
J. S. Tucker, Canton,
J. N. Nichols, do
R. S. Taylor, Pelahatchee,
J. L. Hines, Camden,
I. R. Bass, Midway.

BIBLE DEPOSITORY.

After the adjournment of the Association, the Board of Managers held a meeting and appointed S. J. Denson, General Agent, for the sale of Bibles and Testaments. Orders for books will therefore be directed as follows:

For Bibles and Testaments, to S. J. Denson, Ludlow P. O.,
For Hymn Books, to Thomas K. Green, Meridian Springs P. O.

STATISTICAL TABLE OF THE CHURCHES.

CHURCHES.	COUNTIES	DELEGATES.	POST OFFICES.	Constituted	Baptised.	Restored.	By letter Rec'.	By letter Dis'd	Excluded.	Dead.	Total in Fellowship	No. copies.	Ministers.	Contributions.	Sab. Meet.	Pastor, or Supply.
Benevolence,..	Leake,..	W. R. Butler, E. M. Hammond,.	Thomastown,..	1846			1	12	4		36	12	1	8 50	4	W. R. Butler, p.
Bethesda,......	Madison,	J. S. Tucker, W. Tucker,......	Canton,........	1848	2		1		1	2	37	15		12 00	1	W. Byars, s.
Bethlehem,.....	Scott,...	No Representation,............	Hillsboro',.....	1847	8						21	15			3	
Doak's Creek,..	Madison,	J. W. Joiner, W. W. Nichols,...	Canton,........	1833			5		1	1	74	25	1	10 00	3	W. Byars, p.
Fellowship,.....	Leake,..	H. J. Read, J. M. Kelley,.......	Hillsboro',....	1847			1	2	3	1	27	20		3 00	4	W. H. Hatsell, s.
Good Hope,....	Madison,	D. G. McLamore, E. Branch,...	Camden,......	1850	12		10				40	30	1	10 00	1	J. L. Hines, s.
Harmony,......	Leake,..	J. F. Johnson, J. Honey,........	Carthage,......	1849				7	2		23	13	1	5 00	4	J. L. Hines, s.
Judson,........	Madison,	J. L. Hines, W. T. Clark,*.....	Camden,.......	1847	1			3			16	15	1	5 00	3	J. L. Hines, p.
Jerusalem,.....	Scott,...	W. Partin, A. R. Robins,.........	Ludlow,........	1837	2			8	3	3	85	25	1	8 80	1	W. Denson, s.
Liberty,........	Rankin,.	R. S. Taylor, B. W. Taylor,......	Brandon,......	1839	6	2	3	6	1	3	39	15		12 50	4	W. Denson, s.
Mount Sinai,..	Neshoba	W. F. Johnson, G. W. Johnson,.	Philadelphia,..	1839	20	4	14	19	4	1	86	40	1	8 00	4	J. Rushin, s.
Mount Pisgah,.	Rankin,.	W. Denson, W. J. Denson,......	Densontown,..	1831	1	1		9	2	2	39	20	1	22 85	3	W. Denson, p.
Mill Creek,....	Rankin,.	W. B. Smith, J. M. Brooks,*....	Brandon,......	1845	13		4	10	7	2	87	45		16 70	2	W. Denson, s.
Mount Zion,...	Leake,..	W. Bruder, G. Allen,...........	Carthage,......	1851	7						21	20		5 00	2	J. Rushin, s.
Mount Carmel,.	Leake,..	W. Pitman, D. McPhail,.........	Edenburg,.....	1851	5		1	4	2		30	15		3 00	3	J. Merchant, s.
New Hope,....	Madison,	I. R. Bass, T. K. Green, D. Mann*	Merid'n Springs	1840	1		3	4			165	30	1	28 15	2	I R Bass, J J S Miles
Providence,....	Leake,..	J. J. S. Miles,* J. Merchant,.....	Carthage,......	1848	21		13	3	2	2	134	40	2	11 50	1	J. J. S. Miles, p.
Providence,....	Attala,..	H. Hill, J. Rawson,*............	Kosciusko,.....	1850	1	1	1	7	2	2	23	12	1	2 05	4	H. Hill, p.
Pleasant Hill,..	Leake,..	J. Rushin, W. S. Rushin,........	Carthage,......	1849				7	6		40	20	2	11 00	3	J. Rushin, p.
Pensacola,.....	Leake,..	G. Allen, M. E. Maning,.........	Carthage,......	1848	5		1	1	1		36	15	1	6 35	2	A. Goss, p.
New Churches.																
Pelahatchee,...	Rankin,.	J. S. Antley, W. J. Robinson,...	Pelahatchee,...	1852	24		12				36	24	1	8 00	1	J. S. Antley, p.
Thomastown,..	Leake,..	J. Brown,* J. Nash,*...........	Thomastown,..	1852							15	10		1 50		
Rehoboth,.....	Rankin,.	J. Lawrence,* W. Buckner,......	Densontown,..	1852	7		8				22	20	1	7 75	4	I. R. Bass, s.
Samaria,.......	Attala,..	H. C. Hill,* S. Herring.*........	Kosciusko,.....	1849			5	3			31	25		5 00	3	A. Lee, s.
					136	8	83	91	41	20	1163	523	17	211 65		

* Absent on Monday.

			Thomastown,..	1852							15	10		1	50		
Rehoboth,....	Rankin,..	J. Lawrence,* W. Buckner,.....	Densontown,..	1852	7		8				22	20	1	7	75	4	I. R. Bass, s.
Samaria,......	Attala,..	H. C. Hill,* S. Herring.*........	Kosciusko,.....	1849			5	3			31	25		5	00	3	A. Lee, s.
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